

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 15 without my signature.

While I respect the author's intent to recognize the contributions of the Filipino people during World War II, State content standards and curriculum frameworks are necessarily broad, allowing for coverage of many important historical events and cultural developments. In fact, nothing in current law prohibits teachers today from recognizing the role of Filipinos in World War II.

Last year, I vetoed a nearly identical bill, AB 2512 (Horton, 2004), on the basis that current law already provides the necessary flexibility and that the State should refrain from being overly prescriptive. The veto message remains applicable and, thus, I am unable to sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Arnold Schwarzenegger